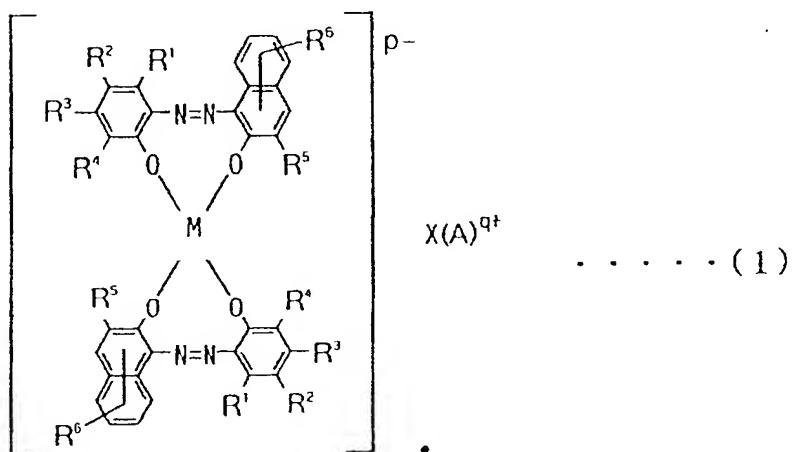


Claim Amendments:

Kindly rewrite claims 1-25 as claims 26-51 as follows:

1-25 (CANCELED)

26. (NEW) Colored thermoplastic molding resin composition containing a monoazo metal complex compound containing colorant composition, the incidence of skin sensitization in a skin sensitization potential test, based on the maximization method, of said colorant composition being not more than 20%, and wherein the purity of said monoazo metal compound is not less than 90% as determined by high performance liquid chromatography, said monoazo metal complex compound being a compound of the following formula (1):

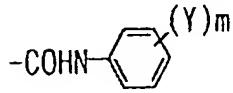


27. (NEW) Resin composition of claim 26, wherein each of R<sup>1</sup> through R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> independently represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, a normal or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, a sulfonamide group, a

mesyl group, a sulfonic acid group, a hydroxy group, an alkoxy group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an acetyl amino group, a benzoyl amino group, a halogen atom, or  $-\text{COO}-\text{R}^7$ ;

$\text{R}^7$  represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

$\text{R}^5$  represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a nitro group, a carboxyl group, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms,  $-\text{COO}-\text{R}^8$  or



$\text{R}^8$  represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

$\text{Y}$  represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, a nitro group, or a halogen atom;

$\text{m}$  represents an integer from 1 to 3;

$\text{M}$  represents a divalent or trivalent metal;

$\text{p}$  represents 1 or 2;

$(\text{A})^{q+}$  represents  $\text{H}^+$ ,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ , a cation based on an alkali metal, a cation based on an organic amine, or a quaternary organic ammonium ion;

$\text{q}$  represents 1 or 2; and

$\text{X}$  represents 1 or 2.

28. (NEW) Resin composition of claim 27 wherein  $\text{R}^2$  in Formula (1) above is  $\text{Cl}$ ;

each of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> through R<sup>5</sup> is a hydrogen atom;

R<sup>6</sup> is a hydrogen atom or a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms;

M is Cr, Fe or Cu; and

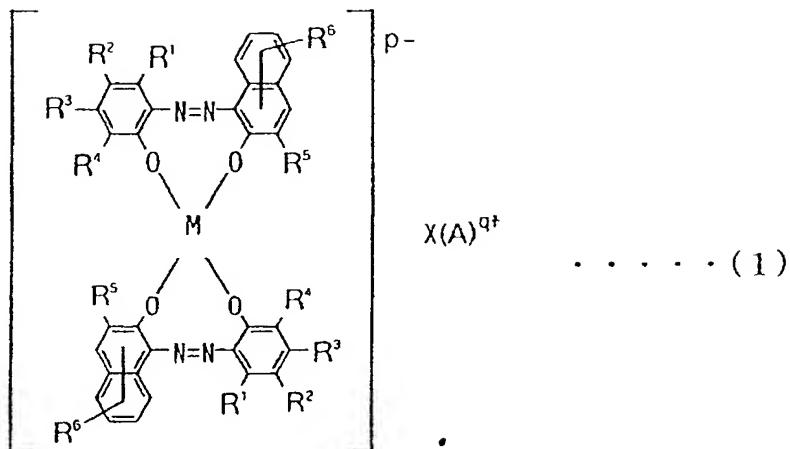
(A)<sup>q+</sup> is H<sup>+</sup>.

29. (NEW) Resin composition of claim 26 wherein the thermoplastic resin is at least one resin selected from the group consisting of polyamide resin, polyethylene resin, polypropylene resin, polyester resin, polyphenylene sulfide resin and polyether ether ketone resin.

30. (NEW) Resin composition of claim 26 wherein the thermoplastic resin contains fibrous reinforcing material.

31. (NEW) Resin composition of claim 26 wherein the thermoplastic resin contains an inorganic filler.

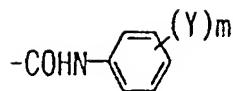
32. (NEW) Molded resin product comprising a colored thermoplastic molding resin composition in molded form, containing a monoazo metal complex compound containing colorant composition, the incidence of skin sensitization in a skin sensitization potential test, based on the maximization method, of said colorant composition being not more than 20%, and wherein the purity of said monoazo metal compound is not less than 90% as determined by high performance liquid chromatography, wherein said monoazo metal complex compound being a compound of the following formula (1):



33. (NEW) Molded resin product of claim 32, wherein each of R<sup>1</sup> through R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> independently represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, a normal or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, a sulfonamide group, a mesyl group, a sulfonic acid group, a hydroxy group, an alkoxy group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an acetyl amino group, a benzoyl amino group, a halogen atom, or -COO-R<sup>7</sup>;

R<sup>7</sup> represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

R<sup>5</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a nitro group, a carboxyl group, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms, -COO-R<sup>8</sup> or



$R^8$  represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

$Y$  represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, a nitro group, or a halogen atom;

$m$  represents an integer from 1 to 3;

$M$  represents a divalent or trivalent metal;

$p$  represents 1 or 2;

$(A)^{q+}$  represents  $H^+$ ,  $NH_4^+$ , a cation based on an alkali metal, a cation based on an organic amine, or a quaternary organic ammonium ion;

$q$  represents 1 or 2; and

$X$  represents 1 or 2.

34. (NEW) Molded resin product of claim 33 wherein  $R^2$  in Formula (1) above is Cl; each of  $R^1$  and  $R^3$  through  $R^5$  is a hydrogen atom;

$R^6$  is a hydrogen atom or a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms;

$M$  is Cr, Fe or Cu; and

$(A)^{q+}$  is  $H^+$ .

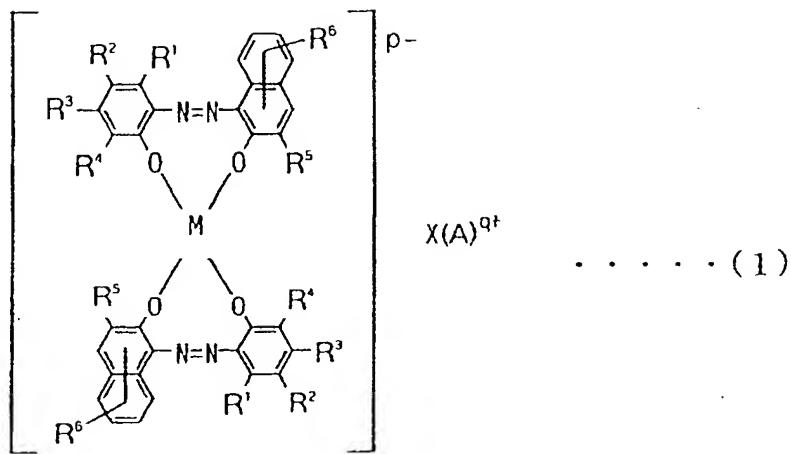
35. (NEW) Molded resin composition of claim 32 wherein the thermoplastic resin is at least one resin selected from the group consisting of polyamide resin, polyethylene resin, polypropylene resin, polyester resin, polyphenylene sulfide resin and polyether ether ketone resin.

36. (NEW) Molded resin composition of claim 32 wherein the thermoplastic resin contains fibrous reinforcing material.

37. (NEW) Molded resin composition of claim 32 wherein the thermoplastic resin contains an inorganic filler.

38. (NEW) Molded resin composition of claim 32 wherein the product is in the form of an eyeglass frame.

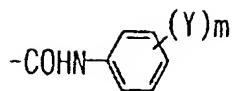
39. (NEW) Method of providing a colored thermoplastic molding resin composition, characterized by high safety to the human body and a low incidence of skin sensitization, which comprises including in the resin composition a monoazo metal complex compound containing colorant composition, the incidence of skin sensitization in a skin sensitization potential test, based on the maximization method, of said colorant composition being not more than 20%, and wherein the purity of said monoazo metal compound is not less than 90% as determined by high performance liquid chromatography, said monoazo metal complex compound being a compound of the following formula (1):



40. (NEW) Method of claim 39, wherein each of R<sup>1</sup> through R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> independently represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, a normal or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, a sulfonamide group, a mesyl group, a sulfonic acid group, a hydroxy group, an alkoxy group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an acetyl amino group, a benzoyl amino group, a halogen atom, or -COO-R<sup>7</sup>;

R<sup>7</sup> represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

R<sup>5</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a nitro group, a carboxyl group, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms, -COO-R<sup>8</sup> or



$R^8$  represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

$Y$  represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, a nitro group, or a halogen atom;

$m$  represents an integer from 1 to 3;

$M$  represents a divalent or trivalent metal;

$p$  represents 1 or 2;

$(A)^{q+}$  represents  $\text{H}^+$ ,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ , a cation based on an alkali metal, a cation based on an organic amine, or a quaternary organic ammonium ion;

$q$  represents 1 or 2; and

$X$  represents 1 or 2.

41. (NEW) Method of claim 40 wherein  $R^2$  in Formula (1) above is  $\text{Cl}$ ; each of  $R^1$  and  $R^3$  through  $R^5$  is a hydrogen atom;  $R^6$  is a hydrogen atom or a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms;  $M$  is  $\text{Cr}$ ,  $\text{Fe}$  or  $\text{Cu}$ ; and  $(A)^{q+}$  is  $\text{H}^+$ .

42. (NEW) Method of claim 39 wherein the thermoplastic resin is at least one resin selected from the group consisting of polyamide resin, polyethylene resin, polypropylene resin, polyester resin, polyphenylene sulfide resin and polyether ether ketone resin.

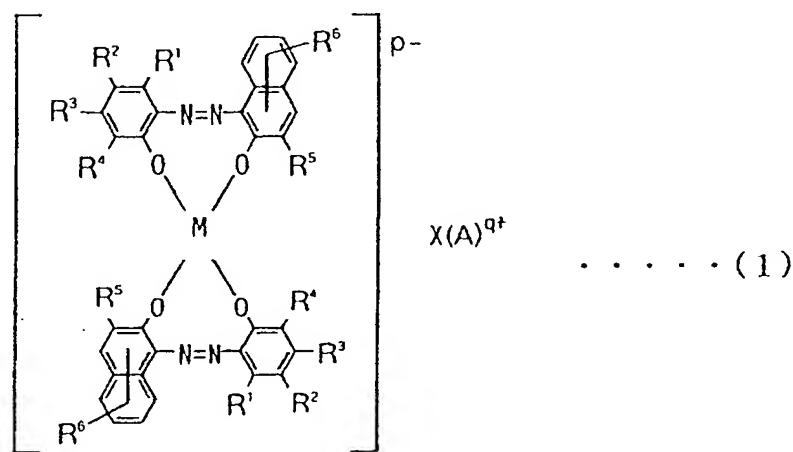
43. (NEW) Method of claim 39 wherein the thermoplastic resin contains fibrous reinforcing material.

44. (NEW) Method of claim 39 wherein the thermoplastic resin contains an inorganic filler.

45. (NEW) Method of providing a molded resin product comprising a colored thermoplastic molding resin composition in molded form, characterized by high safety to the human body and a low incidence of skin sensitization, which comprises

including in the resin composition a monoazo metal complex compound containing colorant composition, the incidence of skin sensitization in a skin sensitization potential test, based on the maximization method, of said colorant composition being not more than 20%, and wherein the purity of said monoazo metal compound is not less than 90% as determined by high performance liquid chromatography, and

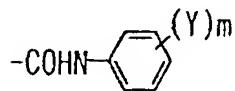
molding the resulting to form a molded resin product, said monoazo metal complex compound being a compound of the following formula (1):



46. (NEW) Method of claim 45, wherein each of R<sup>1</sup> through R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> independently represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, a normal or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, a sulfonamide group, a mesyl group, a sulfonic acid group, a hydroxy group, an alkoxy group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an acetyl amino group, a benzoyl amino group, a halogen atom, or -COO-R<sup>7</sup>;

R<sup>7</sup> represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

R<sup>5</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a nitro group, a carboxyl group, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms, -COO-R<sup>8</sup> or



R<sup>8</sup> represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

Y represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, a nitro group, or a halogen atom;

m represents an integer from 1 to 3;

M represents a divalent or trivalent metal;

p represents 1 or 2;

$R^8$  represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

$Y$  represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, a nitro group, or a halogen atom;

$m$  represents an integer from 1 to 3;

$M$  represents a divalent or trivalent metal;

$p$  represents 1 or 2;

$(A)^{q+}$  represents  $H^+$ ,  $NH_4^+$ , a cation based on an alkali metal, a cation based on an organic amine, or a quaternary organic ammonium ion;

$q$  represents 1 or 2; and

$X$  represents 1 or 2.

47. (NEW) Method of claim 46 wherein  $R^2$  in Formula (1) above is  $Cl$ ;  
each of  $R^1$  and  $R^3$  through  $R^5$  is a hydrogen atom;  
 $R^6$  is a hydrogen atom or a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms;  
 $M$  is  $Cr$ ,  $Fe$  or  $Cu$ ; and  
 $(A)^{q+}$  is  $H^+$ .

48. (NEW) Method of claim 45 wherein the thermoplastic resin is at least one resin selected from the group consisting of polyamide resin, polyethylene resin, polypropylene resin, polyester resin, polyphenylene sulfide resin and polyether ether ketone resin.

49. (NEW) Method of claim 45 wherein the thermoplastic resin contains fibrous reinforcing material.

50. (NEW) Method of claim 45 wherein the thermoplastic resin contains an inorganic filler.

51. (NEW) Method of claim 45 wherein the product is in the form of an eyeglass frame.